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Dear Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am in total opposition of S.B. 16, An Act Addressing Gun Violence and Juvenile Crime. This bill, in its current form, neither addresses gun violence nor juvenile crime, but simply adds additional restrictions on law abiding citizens of Connecticut. It places restrictions and infringements on the type of firearms that can be owned, where they can be carried, including additional restrictions on firearms retailers, which are a direct violation of the Second Amendment to the US Constitution:

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

This bill further restricts places where law abiding citizens have the right to protect themselves by creating additional "gun-free zones" which often become attractive locations for criminals to target potential crime victims, knowing they will be unarmed.

As evident in the proposed bills, the elected lawmakers of this state prefer to ignore the US Constitution and punish legal gun owners for the acts of criminals. Instead, why aren't the present laws that address criminals who use guns illegally, enforced? It's time to enforce those laws and not create new laws that do nothing for crime.

I am aware of the massive increase in juvenile crime over the past few years, that has plagued our cities and towns. Many of the juveniles who are arrested have been arrested several times before, and are often back on the street the next day committing more crimes. I see nothing in this bill that will address this, other than adding an additional two hours to the time they can be held.

Please oppose this bill and enforce the current laws that will actually address criminals & gun violence.

Please propose a realistic bill that addresses juvenile crime and hold juveniles accountable for the crimes they commit.

Please also oppose H.B. 5416 An Act Concerning Bulk Purchase of Pistols and Revolvers.

Please support:

S.B. 388 An Act Concerning The Defense of a Person or a Person's Dwelling, Place of Work or Motor Vehicle

H.B. 5415 An Act Concerning The Transfer of Assault Weapons And Large Capacity Magazines

H.B. 5412 An Act Concerning The Duty to Retreat in a Religious House Of Worship.

Thank you.

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